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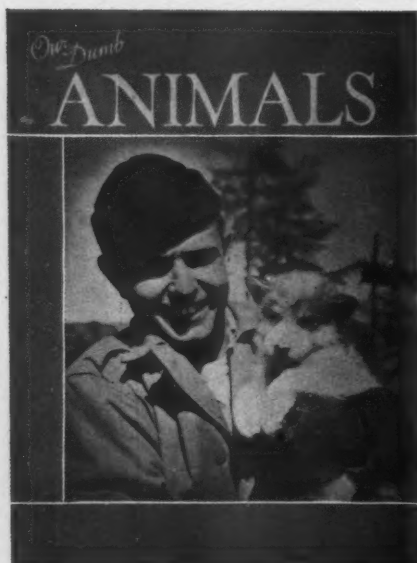
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A United States Coast Guardsman, stationed at an Arctic outpost, finds cheer in this "fluffy bit of Husky." In the lonely reaches of the Far North the sledge dogs give companionship to America's guardians. Photo through the courtesy of the U. S. Coast Guard.

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# From the PRESIDENT'S DESK



IT was stated on a National Child Labor Day that no one can truthfully say, "I don't use goods made by children." Instead, the assertion was that everybody who eats food, wears clothes, uses material, reads anything, or plays with anything, uses articles produced, in part, by child labor.

WE wonder how many of the hundreds of people who invoke the aid of the press, Governors, Mayors, and other officers to prevent or put a stop to cruelty to animals ever thank them after their requests have been complied with.

A WELL-KNOWN author, writing about Thomas Paine so greatly execrated years ago by many sincere people, says he was an earnest advocate of justice and kindness in all man's relation to the animal world.

WHY is it harder to persuade people to give for the humane education of a child than for the prevention of a present act of cruelty? The former will pay 1,000 per cent larger interest on the money invested.

NEARLY all of the conquered countries of Europe have had in the past their own societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. From none of them have we heard for a long time since this war began. What this has meant to the unfortunate animals for whom they used to care, one can only wonder.

IT was no shallow optimist, but so wise and thoughtful a man as Montaigne who wrote, "There is no greater evidence of wisdom than a continual cheerfulness." No one ever crossed the street to get rid of meeting our old friends the Brothers Cheeryble. Even four-footed animals know the difference between Mr. Growl-at-Everything and his neighbor, Mr. See-the-Good.

## Our First Gold Star

OF THE twenty-eight men employed by our Society, and now in the service of the armed forces, the first one, so far as we know, reported as having given his life, is Staff Sergeant Arthur Schofield, who for years was our ambulance driver in Methuen.

Arthur was a rare young fellow, faithful in every way, making friends for the Society, as during each year he would pick up hundreds of lost, stray or injured small animals, never a complaint coming about him as failing in any way, a smile almost always on his face, and greatly missed since he left us in 1942.

Word has just been received that he was killed as the result of a plane crash at Aden, Arabia, January 21.

Arthur was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schofield of Methuen, and was married, in July, 1941, to Alice Arblaster. He took his basic training at Goldsboro, North Carolina.

To his wife and parents we extend our sincere sympathy.

## Again "Lassie Come Home"

SINCE the publication in our last issue of Mr. Craven's story about the celebrated picture, "Lassie Come Home," we have had the opportunity to see it ourselves. It is a remarkable picture, beautifully and most effectively screened. All dog lovers will intensely enjoy it, and those who do not love dogs certainly ought to see it.

This we are glad to say in spite of the fact that there are two or three scenes where it looks as if there was ill-treatment of the dogs, but this is not the case. In the strenuous fight the dogs are muzzled, their paws are so treated that they cannot even hurt each other and, as we said in the former article, we are confident from the testimony given us that no cruelty exists. Still, it is to be regretted that in making the picture, even what looked like possible suffering on the part of the animals was allowed to be portrayed.

## Go to the Bee

THE MAKER of proverbs might have said, "Go to the bee" as well as "Go to the ant," for light and leading. Indeed, had he known the bee as well as he did the ant he would probably have put her first in wisdom.

The narrow brain of the bee with its highly developed lobes and multiple convolutions, we are told, forms the one hundred and sixty-fifth part of the total volume of its body, while that of the ant forms only the two hundred and eighty-sixth part.

Here is a fine bit of moral teaching from the bee: A humble country priest initiating Evrard into the study of the bee bade him not be afraid as they approached the hive. "Bees," he said, "are more peaceful than human beings. Do you know that charming motto of Father Bouhours?" "No," replied Evrard. "Do not forget it," said the kindly curé. "It has the wisdom of a national proverb. *Sponte favos, aegre spicula*. One might translate it: 'My honey with all my heart. My sting reluctantly.'"

## An Act of Kindness

THE following is an illustration of what the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital is repeatedly doing:

A letter came to us recently which, in a few words, said, "I am a poor man. I live with my mother. We have hard work to get on. I lost one arm in childhood, and since an attack of spinal meningitis, I lost my hearing and my power of speech. I can write. My comfort is my dog. He has a bad sore on his back. I cannot heal it. Would you send for him and give him the proper treatment?"

Of course, this we gladly did.

THE barking dog, even if he doesn't bite, is like the interminable talker—a good deal of a nuisance. Queen Victoria once said, "There are people who talk to you as if you were a public audience."





## The Strange Cassowary

**A**T FIRST sight this awkward, funny-looking creature looks like a bird without wings, tail, or feathers. They are there, however. A short tail hidden under the glossy, hair-like feathers, and five stiff quills are the only part of the wing that is visible. The legs, short and heavy, have powerful muscles and these with the aid of three sharp claws and a strong beak make him one of the fiercest fighters of the jungle and one of the fastest runners. He is a match for most jungle animals. A flightless bird, the cassowary is probably the rarest and least known of its kind.

Closely related to the ostrich, it differs greatly in one respect. Its head, almost bare of feathers, carries a crest of bone, sometimes flat, other times in certain species rising like a helmet above the large beak. The neck is adorned with different colored wattles, red, yellow, or blue. The females stand from five to six feet; the males are smaller. Despite its size, however, the bird moves through the dense tangle of stems and tropical climbers with scarcely a sound.

Found mostly in New Guinea, Australia, and adjoining islands, this bird makes its nest in the thicket of forests, feeding on fruit, bulbs, and insects. The eggs, three to six in number, are green, and it is the father who keeps them warm and guards the fledglings when they are hatched.

So elusive is this huge bird, that naturalists have searched for it in vain. Day after day they may come upon fresh tracks made by the birds, without ever catching a glimpse of a single cassowary. But, although it seems impossible to catch sight of the wary creature, its peculiar call-notes—a loud, guttural grunt, or a deep booming sound—are often heard.

Though inoffensive and seemingly shy when grown, this queer large bird is exceedingly quarrelsome and bad-tempered, and defends itself by kicking. Those seeking to capture them must expect swift and unrelenting attack.

—F. J. Worrall



## Saint-Saens' Observations of Animals . . . . By JULIETTE LAINE

**T**HE great French composer, Camille Saint-Saens, was a sincere lover of animals and insects, and his writings give numerous examples of his discoveries and personal experiments with denizens of the animal world. In one of his essays he writes of the huge spiders that are found in Cochin China, and he relates that their webs are composed of horizontal and parallel lines which stretch from one tree to another. But, proving their intelligence, when the French colonists began setting up telegraph wires, the insects discovered that these wires provided them with a warp already made and promptly established themselves on these wires. By so doing, they needed only to spin the woof, on which they watched for their prey. Certainly such tactics proved beyond doubt that the spiders had not only observed the ready-made net that the wires offered, but had deliberately taken advantage of this convenient fact.

In a letter to a friend the composer tells of watching a dozen ants feasting upon a tidbit they had found. "I placed my finger near the group," he writes,

"and they all moved away at different speeds, indicating different degrees of fear. But one of the ants paid no attention at all. After several attempts I placed my finger quite close. This time they all fled and did not return, with the single exception of the one who had previously paid no attention. This time it apparently lost its temper, for it suddenly turned around, threatened me with its mandibles, and then, lowering its head, it rushed at my finger with full speed! I withdrew, overcome by the prodigious moral courage of the insect! Where, may I ask, would one find a human being with the courage to charge a giant taller than the Eiffel Tower?"

Like many other dog owners, Saint-Saens firmly believed that dogs possessed a kind of telepathy, and cites the following as one of many experiences which seem to prove it: "During a visit to Teneriffe I made friends with a dog who belonged to a gardener. I visited the beautiful garden almost daily, and always played with the dog. Finally came the day of my last visit. I had told no one of my plan to return at once to

France, yet the dog knew! On that last day he accompanied me a great distance along the road, a thing which he had never done before, and seemed determined not to leave me. I drove him away by tricks and pretended threats of violence, but he continued to follow. I did not know what to do. Finally, tired of scolding him, I knelt down in the road beside him, kissed him, and explained to him, as carefully as I would to a beloved child, that I could not possibly take him with me. When I finished he gently licked my hand and sorrowfully, without one backward glance, returned home."



### A Stray Kitten

I do not need a kitten —  
Already I have two;  
Yet here you stand at my back door —  
So what am I to do?

Here is some milk, poor kitty;  
Here is a nice box, too.  
I wonder — will you go or stay?  
I'll leave that up to you!

—LOREE DOAK

# Bilgewater and McGinty

**T**HE CREW of SPARship Brandon, the Coast Guard barracks for SPARS, in Brookline, Massachusetts, has shuddered the past few months. It trembles now.

"Bilgewater!"

That's a hard word to whisper, but it can be done. You'd do it, too, if you were billeted at SPARship Brandon.

A ship without a mascot is an unnatural picture. Yet SPARship Brandon may have to face just that. Bilgewater objects to them. And the suspicion grows that he is responsible for the fate of those which have already tried to make that rating. That he, himself, might be a mascot is an absurd notion. He simply has charge of the whole place. He always did, long before upstart SPARS boarded his comfortable Brookline residential hotel. He always will.

The mascot tradition dies hard, and the sinister, if unequal, struggle goes on. Under Bilgewater's very nose, SPARship Brandon has adopted another mascot, a tiny black kitten named "McGinty." Now, in his tender months, McGinty is carefully locked away in a room where Bilgewater may not enter. The fate of former mascots is a lively, if hush-toned issue.

First there was "Brandy," a spunky Scotch terrier. But there is a limit to spunk, when the Bilgewater glare gets down to business. Brandy somehow chewed through his mooring line and vanished within twenty-four hours. A search party everywhere drew blank. A prompt appeal over the radio also failed. Brandy had gone "over the hill" to stay.

The second mascot attempt was a signal



Official U. S. Coast Guard Photo

(Left to right) BILGEWATER AND MCGINTY SIZING UP THE SITUATION

fiasco, though the upshot was a little delayed. "Fritzie," a female dachshund, came aboard. To make sure that international feeling might not further complicate the problem, Fritzie wore a midship bandage marked with the legend: "This is an American."

That the current unpleasantness in Europe and the South Seas is nothing to Bilgewater, nothing to one who has watched with sublime indifference the sweating hordes who built the pyramids of Egypt, should have been foreseen. Empires and ideologies may rise and fall, but the prerogatives of aristocratic catdom go on forever.

The transfer of Fritzie to a harbor picket boat, where she will have nothing more serious than wind and wave to contend with, has been hastily ascribed to the fact that she could not be housebroken. But Bilgewater knows better. That's how scared she was.

Bilgewater is quite aware of this latest

attempt to provide SPARship Brandon with a mascot. He knows McGinty is aboard. There's no need to feel hurried.

"As I used to say to Cheops — just wait!"

Bilgewater divides his indoor time—the outdoor night hours are not for this record—between the center of the quarter deck, where he regally stares down his nose past his frayed whiskers, and the galley, where his dish awaits him under the table. He is biding his time.

Meanwhile, the Coast Guard, though only 153 years old, must consider its unbeaten record. SPARS may shudder. They never quit. Mascot or bust! Hence, McGinty. And McGinty, also being a cat, stems from the same primordial past as does Bilgewater, with the same yen for prerogatives. He'll think of that when he grows up.

As to Bilgewater, he doesn't talk. He mutters.

"Just wait."

## Somewhere in Italy

**T**HOMAS C. HRUSLINSKI, American Red Cross field director, was sitting in his tent-office, when suddenly, a large shape stumbled into the shadowy tent. It was a mongrel dog, mangled and bleeding. Tom immediately administered first aid, setting the dog's leg and doctoring him generally.

During all this, the animal kept licking Tom's face and hands, and then suddenly collapsed. Not even a "he-man" could have kept a dry eye, Tom maintains. After a short wait, his "patient" attempted to get up and wagged his tail. He was an Italian dog, but this sign language needed no interpreter. Tom immediately sensed the mongrel was hungry and fed him. Then the dog fell asleep under the desk.

Tom's Christmas cards this year to his friends back in Philadelphia, Pa., bore a sketch of himself in a trench. At his feet is his mascot, the Italian dog.

## Our Ship's Mascot

*Sinking into a catnap, I'm aware  
That two bright eyes are watching; till, one leap—  
My lids shut, I pretend to be asleep!  
He grabs a sock that's drying on a chair;  
But "Boots," I yell; dropping the precious loot,  
He scampers, and my chuckles half regret  
The shirts and handkerchiefs his teeth did fret,  
Even the trousers of my only suit,  
This Schnauzer—Spitz—and Pug—and Beagle Hound,  
The Steward brought on board; and yet we love  
Him while our loud and mild chastisements move  
"Boots" howling down the passage. Lord, he's found  
A slipper in the ensign's room, with squeals  
Of joy as uppers from the sole he peels!*

—JOHN ACKERSON



## Popular Fowl

OF ALL the domestic fowls of the world, few are more popular than the goose. The saying, "Silly as a goose," has no foundation whatsoever, and the origin of the expression is unknown. Actually, the goose is a very intelligent and clever bird. Have you ever seen wild geese flying in perfect V formation, winging away the miles in tireless flight?

Through "Mother Goose," this favorite bird belongs to the nursery; the fable of the "goose that laid the golden egg" takes it into the school room, where later it figures as the heroic bird that saved the city of Rome, and as furnishing Tiny Tim's Christmas dinner in Dickens' famous "Christmas Carol."

There are many different species of geese, ranging from the Chinese "swan-geese"—which is the largest type in existence today—to the midget types such as the common "brant," found throughout the Northern Hemisphere. One of the most beautiful members of the goose family is the strikingly handsome northern "snow-geese," while the oddest goose in the world is perhaps the short-billed goose of Australia, which can run almost as fast as a turkey. Another strange species is the African spur-winged goose with its sharp, bone-like wing projections.

Domestic geese date from a very remote period, as they are shown on the monuments of ancient Egypt. Wing feathers of the goose feathered man's arrows in the Middle Ages, and supplied him with quill pens until steel pens took their place.

Geese live to be forty years old, and some species live to be even older—a long life-span indeed as compared with that of turkeys, ducks, chickens, and other barnyard and wild fowl that belong in the poultry category.

—Mabel Irene Savage

## Technique Secrèt

By CARROLL VAN COURT

He never has an ax to grind,  
He doesn't ask for votes;  
He never talks about the war,  
Or taxes, wheat, or oats.  
He never peddles flattery,  
For he's no politician;  
But when it comes to making friends,  
He's really a magician!

He gives me love without restraint,  
And he's no hypocrite;  
Ah, would that men were so sincere,  
And used a little wit  
In making friends and keeping them,  
As does my puppy, "Flash,"  
Who never asks for preferment,  
Or favors, or for cash!

# ANIMAL LORE

**BUTTERFLIES**—Some specimens have a definite fragrance resembling that of sweet peas, jasmine, syringa, mignonne, orange blossoms or balsam.

**DOGS**—It is estimated that there are some 12,000,000 dogs in the United States. The American Kennel Club recognizes 108 separate and distinct breeds.

**SHARK** is a very valuable fish. From its skin are made several grades of fine leather; from its liver is obtained oil similar to cod-liver oil; from its head and smaller fins, glue is made. The Chinese use the larger fins, when dried, as a relish. The flesh of the shark is often used as food and the bones, as fertilizer.

**MAGPIE** builds its nest in a thorn tree, if one is available, roofing the home with strong twigs. The entrance is usually on the side and the nest cavity is built of mud and lined with fine grasses and roots.

**POCKET GOPHERS** are known to run as well backwards as forwards.

**BITTERNS** have unusual eyes in that they can operate each eye independently.

**CATS** served not only as mascots to the Egyptian fighting men, but were also considered to be sacred animals. Paintings found in the tomb of Egyptian warriors who battled with Rameses II, monarch of the upper and lower Nile, show cats riding in war chariots.

**BEEES**, while gathering ingredients for one pound of honey, fly a total distance equal to several trips around the earth.

**TOADS**—It has been found that about 88 per cent of a toad's food consists of insect pests, and, in a period of three months, about 10,000 injurious insects will be destroyed by each toad.

**COWBIRDS**, grackles and the European cuckoo lay their eggs in the nests of other birds and considerable skill is required to maneuver this in the absence of the home owner.

Any unusual or interesting facts concerning animals will be gratefully received. Please mention source. Address—Animalore, Our Dumb Animals, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston 15, Mass.

## Your Cat in the Yard

I HAVE a big yard for my cat to play in," said Mrs. Blank; "he never runs around and I feel quite safe about him."

But within the next three or four days the cat was quite ill. In the adjoining yard, without a fence, is an "aquarium," a pool that is seldom cleaned. The cat drank from it and was made dangerously sick. Have a saucer of clean fresh water where your cat can easily reach it at any time. Failure to do this—under the impression that cats do not care for water—naturally causes them to drink elsewhere, often with injurious results.

You're not always right in believing that "green stuff is good for the cat and he knows what is best." Flowers, plants and green cut boughs may be toxic, covered with a poisonous spray. Further, chewing on the branches may be the cause of small splinters in the cat's mouth and throat.

Around shrubbery and on the lawn your cat will catch insects of various kinds; it's his instinct to stalk, and he loves to run and jump. The danger lies in his eating what he catches, and this must be prevented—first, by feeding regularly and amply of the proper foods; secondly, by scolding him if he starts to eat the bug.

Some cats will immediately gulp down the bug if you attempt to take it from them. Don't try that unless you can get there in good time. Attract the cat's attention to something else, then get the bug away from him, and scold him. We have succeeded in training our cat not to catch butterflies, but it was a task.

Unless there are trees in your yard, always leave a door open, at least the porch door, so that your cat can escape to the house when a dog comes charging into the yard. Only recently, a friend of mine lost a beloved cat because of failure to think of this safety measure.

Don't allow the cat to stay out after dark, nor when the house is left alone.

—L. E. Eubanks

## Songs I Love Best

By CLARA RADER

Not from a gilded cage,  
But from a green leafed tree,  
I love to hear a songster  
Peal forth his melody.

No song a caged bird sings,  
However sweet his note,  
Thrills my heart as does a song  
From an outdoor songster's throat.

It gives me greater joy because  
The one who sings is free  
To fly about in God's green world,  
Where all His birds should be.

# The Door Tender

**I**T WAS a cold, wintry night, when I went with my husband for the first time, while he made a business call at a large farm homestead, south of our city. We entered by a long driveway which brought us to the kitchen door. Though it was bitter cold outside and the bright lights in the kitchen and dining room were temptingly inviting, I chose to remain in the car while he made his call, which was to be a short one.

The entrance to the kitchen was through a storm house, which was lighted only by the windows of the inside rooms, so it was somewhat dim. The door to this storm house was a screen door so I could see through into the cheery living rooms beyond.

My husband seemed to be taking an unusually long time for a short call and



I was about to blow the horn to call his attention to this fact, when I noticed a strange thing. A young cat, a little larger than a kitten, approached the door, meowed once or twice and was admitted by what appeared to be an unseen hand. I stretched my neck to see who had admitted the cat, but not a person could I see. When a second and then a third

By GLADYS LOUISE FLINT

HERE IS ANOTHER FELINE DOOR TENDER. THIS CAT OPERATES FROM THE OUTSIDE DURING WARM WEATHER BY PUTTING HER CLAWS INTO THE SCREEN AND PULLING THE DOOR OPEN.

cat, was admitted in the same manner, my curiosity was great, and I was determined that if another cat approached that door, I was going to know how it got in. I hadn't long to wait, for this homestead had many cats and it was a pretty cold night for even the boldest cat to wander far from the home fires. Soon a pure white cat neared the door and gave the signaling meow. Again the door opened and this time I discovered a large mother cat, inside the door, holding it open with her head and one front leg. It was some time before my husband finished his call, but I didn't mind, for I was much too interested in watching that mother cat, open and admit to the warmth within, nearly a dozen cats of various sizes and kinds.

## A Bird of Culture

**M**OST birds are excellent builders, but the Satin Bower Bird is also an artist. He has his home in Australia and the wonderful sheen of his dark-blue plumage accounts for his name. About the size of a pigeon he has a most alert, intelligent air, his little wife being garbed more soberly in shades of soft green. Like the rest of the Bower

family he not only makes a nest, but he builds a playhall or arbor on the ground.

The bower is usually set among low shrubs, the walls from 12 to 18 inches high, arching gracefully over the top. He makes a small, stout platform of sticks and here during spring courting days he performs for the benefit of his lady friends.

Most Bower Birds go in for bright buttons, bits of bone, etc., but the Satin is a bit exclusive and he prefers blue flowers. If you have a garden nearby do not grow blue blossoms unless you want to help the Bower Bird with his decorations, for he will nip off every head. He will carry off anything else that happens to be blue, including laundry bluing bags.

The Satin Bower Bird is the only member of the family who paints his bower. He covers the inside twigs with a mixture of charcoal and his own saliva, using a small wad of soft bark as a brush which he holds in his nimble beak. With head on one side and critical eye he acts exactly like a human decorator intent on his job and enjoying it.

His courting dance is a quaint, rather stiff little performance, rather like the

By WINIFRED HEATH

minuet. As he takes those mincing little steps around the stage and the rest of his runway he keeps an eye on any lady who may be looking on.

Birds are perhaps the best behaved and the most beautiful of all God's smaller feathered folk and the Satin Bower is one of the brightest and loveliest of them all.



Satin Bower Bird



A Typical Bower





**T**HE aboriginals of Australia have every reason to feel loyal affection for the dingo, the native dog of that continent. For the dingoes they domesticate are not only their affectionate and faithful companions, but they are of the greatest use to these natives. The dogs assist them in finding opossums, rats, snakes, and lizards for their food. But the black fellows—well, they aren't one bit grateful.

"Dingo" is a native name, and is pronounced "din-go"—long "o," accent on the first syllable. The wild dog of Australia is remarkable for several reasons. It is the only species of dog, wild and tamed, that is native to that continent. It is the only flesh-eating placental mammal that is native there. The dingo is the only wild form of the true dog. Its fossil bones have been found in the Quaternary strata of Australia, along with those of the giant marsupials, the ten-foot high kangaroos. Its remains have even been unearthed in cavern deposits of the time of the glaciers.

The wild dingo hunted the great Australian "bush" for thousands of years before the white man came intruding with his traps and his guns. It may have been brought to Australia by man when he first set foot on that continent, thousands of years ago. Color is lent to the belief that the dingo is of Asiatic origin and was brought to Australia by the Malays, who visited the northeast coast in their double-ended outrigger, swift-sailing canoes, ages ago.

Because the animal is a serious menace to flocks of sheep and poultry, the settlers have made constant war on the dingo. In fact, there's a price on their heads. Local governments pay bounties up to two dollars for each dingo scalp brought in

by a hunter. Although the dingo still roams the land in large numbers, its eventual extermination—as a *wild* animal—is not improbable.

The dingo has a wolf-like face, the ears are rather large and erect, and the tail is bushy. The animal is sturdily built, short-legged, and is between a jackal and wolf in size—that is, about two-and-a-half-feet long, and a little under two feet high. The hair varies in color from red, sandy-brown, to black—often marked on the back with black—but it is usually of a reddish-brown shade.

In the wild state the dingo does not bark or growl, but utters wolfish yowls, especially at night. Domesticated, however, and placed among other domestic dogs, the dingo soon learns to bark.

The dingo is domesticated by the aboriginal Australians in all parts of the continent. The puppies of the dingo being found by them in hollow trees and other such places where the mother dingoes make their lairs.

The puppies of these wild dogs are cute and cuddlesome little rascals. But unlike the offspring of domestic pets, the instinct of the killer is latent within them, and when they grow up they will prey upon rabbits, poultry, or sheep as soon as the opportunity offers.

## Misplaced Prejudice . . . . . By CLYDE EDWIN TUCK

**A**FTER years of patient effort by both individuals and organizations, the prejudice on the part of agriculturists in many sections of the country against certain of our best-known songbirds is beginning to disappear, for proof of their helpfulness during crop seasons has been definitely established.

Formerly the shotgun often stilled the cheery notes of the meadowlark on mid-west prairie farms because it was thought that he was too prone to help himself to newly scattered grain, but while generally understood to be a grain eater, really the lark eats very little grain, subsisting almost entirely on insects. Down in the Ozarks, after an unusually hard winter, when one would expect birds to be hungry for grain, the larks were very busy working over the ground just plowed on an upland farm; but the angry farmer, upon killing one and examining the contents of its stomach was surprised to find not a single grain of his seed but a craw packed full

of grub worms and hibernating weevil and a few weed seeds. The lark does occasionally pull up a little sprouted grain but not enough to do any damage.

Catbirds, robins, blue jays and some other birds eat a great many cherries, berries and some truck crops but the grower can well afford to supply them. Many fruit growers plant numbers of mulberry and other trees and shrubs, such as the Tartarian honeysuckle, around the outskirts of their orchards and gardens to feed these birds, for at the time when the insect world is astir and multiplying most rapidly, a farseeing Mother Nature has provided that these same birds are feeding the hungry young broods. The enormous quantities of destructive insects are destroyed which would soon take heavy toll of the nearby fruit and garden products.

The little house wren, a universal favorite, that seems to have been endowed with a surplus of nerve energy—

never still, yet seldom too busy to sing, even while energetically scurrying about for enough food to satisfy her large family of seven babies, has been known to make no less than 250 trips in one day with insects for her brood.

Most of our songbirds love the association of people and will build in the immediate vicinity of your residence if they can find a place suited to their taste. Any place that is well sheltered and secluded, often an old shoe or hat, is quite good enough for the wrens.

The common warbler, which frequents wide areas of our best agricultural lands, often feeds her young 25 times in an hour with insect pests. The scissor-tailed flycatcher destroys countless numbers of moths. The swallow frequently lines its nest with wings from the cucumber beetle fed to its young.

All of our songbirds are the friends of man and always ready to cooperate with him in the production of better crops.



## Animals in the "Funnies"

By ALETHA M. BONNER

THE practice of endowing animal characters with human intelligence seems to have had beginning in the *Fables* of Aesop, and countless comic-strip artists have created a variety of animal characters of astute understanding.

These artists are kind to the pets in their pictures—rarely ever is a bird or an animal mistreated, and the creatures themselves are often given the opportunity to "speak their mind" in matters of humane treatment.

Widely known and much loved are our friends of the "Funnies." In 1924, Harold Gray brought into pictorial being the shaggy-coated Sandy and the curly-headed Orphan Annie. Even as in the case of Mary and her faithful lamb, so it may be said that everywhere that Annie travels her dog is sure to go!

If Sandy would say more than his usual "Arf!" he might tell some interesting things about his artist-creator, Harold Lincoln Gray.

In his twenty-third year Gray joined the staff of the *Chicago Tribune* as artist. He later established his own studio, doing commercial art work. Sandy and Annie first appeared on the pages of *The Tribune*, and the *New York News*, and now they go their adventurous way in over two hundred and fifty newspapers.

Daisy, canine pet of the Bumstead household, is still another dog that could give out information of biographic interest covering her pen master, Chic (Murat Bernard) Young.

Blondie and Dagwood, Alexander and Cookie, together with their host of reader friends, would be very disconsolate without Daisy and her puppies. It is true that Daisy is often accused of voicing "strong language," yet whose temper would not be ruffled occasionally when one's cartoonist-creator permits the irrepressible pups to take so many liberties with a dignified mother!

Mr. Young is a Chicagoan by birth, and is the originator of several comic strips.

The one, entitled "Blondie," made its pen debut in 1930.

Many dogs appear in Tepee Town, of Saunders and Woggon creation. This script-and-pen team held well to humane principles in a Thanksgiving message featured some years back. In the strip, Chief Wahoo had been instructed by Princess Minnie Ha-Cha to shoot a wild turkey for a Tepee-Town Thanksgiving dinner. "Wahoo hates to shoot an' hurt um birds," the Chief objects, and accordingly he buys a plaster of Paris turkey used by window decorators.

To mention a few pictorial animal favorites of earlier day fame, along with their human companions, will be to name F. Opper's Si and his Mule, Maude; Richard Outcault's Buster Brown and Tigie; Billy de Beck's Barney Google and Spark Plug; with Krazy-Kat, Archie, Napoleon, Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse joining yet other birds and animals in the comic-strip parade, which has wended its way down the century.

Through the understanding pen ministrations of the pictorial humorist all animal life and character has been endearingly portrayed.

## Where Fear Is Banished . . . . . By W. J. BANKS

DEER are naturally among the most inquisitive of four-legged creatures; their shyness in most districts would appear to be an acquired trait, resulting from bitter experience with man and his weapons. Where wild-life is accorded full protection, it does not take long for the deer to lose their fear. "Pal," a fine buck who lives in Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba, is well known to many visitors there. He has learned that the noisy metal monsters which travel the motor roads are not really dangerous, and contain folks who are really quite nice when you get to know them. Here the friendly deer of Riding Mountain is "holding up" a car to exact tribute in the form of a tasty bit of lunch and a gentle pat on his velvet nose. He did not object at all when Mrs. E. Gracey, of Rapid City, got out of the car and took a picture.

Park wardens think that Pal must be a relative of "Harry," another deer who lives in Prince Albert Park in the next-door province of Saskatchewan. Harry's natural inquisitiveness has led him into many "scrapes," and he so haunted the highways in search of sweets that he had to be banished to a remote section of the Park for his own protection. He insisted on sharing the warden's cabin, and could be kept out of the driver's seat of his friends' motor cars only with the greatest difficulty. Once he wandered

back into town and was found with his front feet on a pram, trying to make friends with the rather frightened infant within. Harry developed the unfortunate habit of chewing tobacco; and it was to save him from further contaminations of civilization—and to preserve the peace of

mind of local mothers—that he was finally transferred to Kingsmere Lake. There he insists on accompanying the ranger on all patrols, lying contentedly in the bottom of the boat during water journeys.

Where fear is banished, trust and friendship reign.



Gentle highwayman exacts tribute from passing car.

## Nature's Springtime Call

By BURLINGHAM SCHURR

AT THIS SEASON of the year it is customary to look to nature for various signs that betoken the coming of spring. The pussy-willows are here to tell us of warmer days ahead. Bluebirds, robins, song sparrows—true harbingers of spring—have been observed by many persons. The "mourning cloak," often called the first butterfly of spring, came out of hibernation to display its beauty, and other insects, like wasps and flies, as well as spiders, stirred out of their torpid states to show themselves on sunny days. The winter sleep of the chipmunk has been made restless by the influence of nature and, in consequence, the little ground squirrel has ventured forth to find something to eat in the form of old nuts and seeds. Sap is flowing, and the buds on various trees and bushes present indisputable evidence of the coming season.

Nature's springtime call arouses life, thought and love. The fragrant, exquisite blossoms of the Trailing Arbutus are the very exemplification of spring. Picture the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620; picture the hardships those brave souls experienced during that first winter in New England. Nothing could fill their hearts with greater rejoicing than the approach of warmer days. A few of the women venturing afield discovered beds of these lovely blossoms whose pure sweetness imparted such inspiration and rejoicing they named them "Mayflowers" in gratitude to God for His mercy in willing the safe voyage to this soil.

Several years ago, a toast was written to the Arbutus, a toast whose significance might well have been in the hearts of the Pilgrims.

"Drink its fragrance. It is a most precious gift from nature. A messenger of cheer and comfort—the symbol of faith, hope, love—the token of the bond that makes the whole world akin—this one touch of nature."

The Pilgrims found nature in all its wealth and glory in this wonderful land, but with the progress of the years, nature has been forced to suffer through many causes, and the conditions are such today, it is most urgent that everyone become interested in conservation. May this month of March be favored as quite appropriate to awaken and instill in the hearts of young and old, greater appreciation of wildlife and the productions of nature. This is the period when feathered creatures begin returning from southern climes, arbutus and hepaticas make their initial showing, insects stretch their wings to the warmth from the sun.

## ANIMAL LAND

Speaking of hens, did you ever hear the famous limerick:  
The honorable Henry Ward Beecher  
Called the hen a most elegant creature.  
The hen pleased with that  
Laid an egg in his hat  
And, thus did the hen reward Beecher.

*In Holland, even the sheep are Nazi-baiters. German agricultural papers brand the animals saboteurs, having discovered that they rub off the marks put on their ears to check on delivery of quotas requisitioned from the Dutch sheep raisers.*

Of beasts and men: A Pennsylvania convict has offered the service of his dog to the Army K-9 Corps. Coots fly ahead of ducks and warn them of danger. Mocking birds go through an elaborate wedding ceremony. In a movie about to be released by Columbia, a caterpillar, named "Curly," does a dance.

*A pacific bunny, named "Oscar," has recently been given the rank of second lieutenant by an Army Non-Combatant's Certificate. He is the "star" of the act of magician Arnold Furst, who tours soldier camps all over the world. Oscar has "met" seven generals, is a member of the famed Short Snorters Club and is rated by many as the most distinguished quadruped ever to serve in a military way.*

The first use of carrier pigeons in war time is sometimes attributed to the wily Napoleon. Certainly, the idea has paid handsome dividends for the Allies in the Italian Campaign. Examples of heroism on the part of these birds would fill a good, thick book. One in particular, "Yank," flew over a hundred miles to bring in the first news of the recapture of Gafsa.

*Though the average span of life in horses is around twenty years, an Idaho rancher reports an animal that has attained the age of 41. He has been retired to pasture after serving four generations of his master's family.*

"Tiger," a Chicago Shepherd dog, was a city lion some time ago when he leapt into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan and rescued from drowning a tiger cat, "Cherub." The two are now inseparable pals.

—Jack Pearson

## OVER THE AIR

A weekly radio program devoted to animals may be heard each Tuesday afternoon at 1:15 over Springfield radio station WSPR—1270 on your radio dial. This program is presented by Charlena B. Kibbe and sponsored by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Programs will be as follows:

March 7—"Animals in the News."

March 14—"Emergency Care and Treatment of Animals."

March 21—"True Dog Stories."

March 28—"Animals in General."

## A Lucky Pony

HOW "Bambi," a small British pony with a broken leg, happened to be limping on the deserted street of a little English town, no one knows. Whatever the circumstances, Bambi was out in the dark and doing his best to get along on three legs. But his progress was slow for he had to stop often on account of the pain. This was quite annoying. He shook his head with its long mane and snorted disgustedly, then moved on again.

It was very cold and the blackout was complete. Suddenly, he bumped into the rear of a wagon standing on one side of the street. He hobbled up an inclined platform and walked cautiously in. It was warmer there. Bambi relaxed and fell asleep.

The sound of voices roused him. It was broad daylight and two amazed men in uniform were staring at him. One of them came up, patted him kindly and tried to lead him out. But the man soon realized that something was wrong and his fingers ran swiftly up and down the injured leg. Then he gave an order, and the wagon drove off.

Now, incredible as it may seem, the wagon turned out to be a United States Army truck and the man in uniform none other than Jules Werner, head veterinarian at the Army Ordnance Depot.

Werner had the pony's leg X-rayed, gave him an anaesthetic, operated and put the fractured leg between splints.

Bambi, today, has recovered completely; his leg is as good as new. Furthermore, Mr. Werner, having widely lectured on his case, Bambi has become the most talked of pony in all England.

—Andrew B. Coizart



## Could Be

"And what," asked the teacher, "do two ducks and a cow remind you of?"  
"Quackers and milk," said the little boy.

# Seventy-sixth Annual Report of the President

For the Year Ending December 31, 1943

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### The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

THE year 1943 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Society, an event which was celebrated by an impressive ceremony at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. We were honored by the presence of our Governor Leverett Saltonstall, many of our Directors and by leading professional and business men of our nation and state.

The readers of *Our Dumb Animals* may recollect how the press and the radio lauded the Society's work, which only made us realize how great is our responsibility and how much we have to live up to. Our members and supporters—good friends of long standing—did not fail us during the year, but helped us, in spite of heavy taxes and war obligations, to carry the heavy burden of meeting the ever-increasing cost of preventing cruelty. Without such help we should not have been able to carry on our activities in the various departments.

With twenty-eight staff members now in the armed forces of our country, including some of our doctors, the problem of finding competent employees has been difficult. One method of training new employees has been the creation of a school for nurses with an enrollment of about eighteen students. Twice weekly classes are held, and the first group will

graduate in May of this year. In the meantime many fine women have taken the place of the men, and they are doing a splendid job in keeping up the high standards of our Societies.

The work of our prosecuting officers in Boston and of our several Shelters throughout the Commonwealth is told in the reports that follow:

#### REPORT OF CHIEF PROSECUTING OFFICER FOR THE ENTIRE STATE

L. Willard Walker, Chief Officer

Complaints investigated .....	3,063
Prosecutions .....	55
Convictions .....	47
Animals inspected .....	48,846
Miles traveled .....	197,919
Horses, injured or unfit for service— humanely put to sleep .....	395
Horses taken from work .....	123
Small animals, injured, diseased or unwanted, humanely put to sleep .....	25,834
Animals placed in homes .....	3,102
Animals returned to owners .....	874
Ambulance calls .....	9,673
Animals inspected at stockyards ..	577,101
Cattle, swine, sheep, humanely put to sleep .....	395
Service rendered to horses at sum- mer watering stations .....	2,255

Ambulance mileage, Boston .....	27,735
Kept under constant inspection:	
Slaughter-houses .....	65
Poultry slaughter-houses .....	83
Pet shops and chain stores .....	55

#### ANIMALS TREATED IN BOSTON HOSPITAL DURING 1943

Hospital cases .....	10,373
Dispensary (including animals at Attleboro Clinic) .....	20,465
Operations .....	3,431

#### ANIMALS TREATED IN SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL DURING 1943

Hospital cases .....	2,445
Dispensary .....	8,105
Operations .....	1,188

#### SUMMARY

Total cases treated in Boston .....	29,993
Total cases treated in Springfield ..	10,550
Total cases treated in Attleboro ...	845
	41,388
Cases in Hospital since opening, March 1, 1915 .....	245,052
Cases in Dispensary since opening, March 1, 1915 .....	563,755
	808,807



CANINE MASCOT PRESENTED TO "S. S. GEORGE T. ANGELL"

"Spica," gift of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, recently became the brown and black mascot of the Liberty Ship, named in honor of the founder of our Societies. Shown making the presentation to Captain Nicholas Smar, skipper of the ship, who requested the dog, is The Honorable Percival P. Baxter, former Governor of Maine and a Director of our Societies.



## METHUEN

W. W. Haswell, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	64
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	1,828
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	1,260
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	59
(placed in homes) .....	100
(humanely put to sleep) ..	3,258
Average number of horses cared for (per month) ..	12
Horses (taken from work) ..	2
(humanely put to sleep) ..	30
Mileage .....	6,323

## PITTSFIELD

T. King Haswell, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	112
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	5,810
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	1,737
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	18
(placed in homes) .....	177
(humanely put to sleep) ..	3,083
Horses (taken from work) ..	2
(humanely put to sleep) ..	11
4. Prosecutions .. 4 Convictions ..	4
Mileage .....	17,588

## SPRINGFIELD (OFFICER)

Fred F. Hall, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	457
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	10,217
At Stockyards and abattoirs ..	15,840
Auctions .....	430
Total .....	26,487
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	514
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	5
(placed in homes) .....	3
(humanely put to sleep) ..	15
Horses (taken from work) ..	7
(humanely put to sleep) ..	4
4. Prosecutions .. 10 Convictions ..	6
Mileage .....	17,143

## SPRINGFIELD (HOSPITAL)

1. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	816
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	476
(placed in homes) .....	1,664
(humanely put to sleep) ..	7,253
Mileage .....	9,344

## ATTLEBORO

Charles E. Brown, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	208
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	2,556
Abattoirs and stockyards ..	99
Auctions .....	27
Total .....	2,682
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted animals .....	565
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	29
(placed in homes) .....	42
(humanely put to sleep) ..	1,300
Horses (taken from work) ..	23
(humanely put to sleep) ..	23
4. Prosecutions .. 18 Convictions ..	17
Mileage .....	29,341

## HYANNIS

Harold G. Andrews, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	32
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	1,260
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	612
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	3
(placed in homes) .....	2
(humanely put to sleep) ..	958
Horses (taken from work) ..	1
(humanely put to sleep) ..	1
Mileage .....	21,898

## WENHAM

Fred T. Vickers, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	170
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	7,388
Auctions .....	764
Total .....	8,152
3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Ambulance trips for lost, stray or unwanted small animals	289
Small animals (returned to owners) .....	3
(placed in homes) .....	15
(humanely put to sleep) ..	692
Horses (taken from work) ..	33
(put to sleep) .....	16
4. Prosecutions .. 5 Convictions ..	5
Mileage .....	15,119

## WORCESTER

Harry C. Smith, Prosecuting Officer

1. CASES	Number
Complaints received (investigated) .....	161
2. ANIMALS INSPECTED	
On investigations only .....	6,567
Abattoirs and stockyards and railroad yards .....	4,314
Auctions .....	1,017
Total .....	11,898

## WORCESTER (Cont'd)

3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK	
Small animals (placed in homes) .....	12
(returned to owners) .....	2
(humanely put to sleep) ..	23
Horses (taken from work) ..	5
(humanely put to sleep) ..	1
4. Prosecutions .. 15 Convictions ..	12
Mileage .....	14,315

## HOLYOKE

This Branch continues its work, as in the past, arranging with a leading veterinarian in Holyoke to call for and care for sick, injured and unwanted animals of that city. There were 1,077 animals sent for by the Springfield Hospital ambulance and brought back either to be put to sleep or, where possible, homes found for them.

Officers of the Holyoke Branch are: Aaron M. Bagg, President; Brooks White, Treasurer.

## CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

Individual tabulations of the work of the Society's Humane Officers during the past year may be noted above. From these statistical reports it will be seen that all sections of the Commonwealth are receiving the watchful care of our full-time representatives. In addition to this regular staff the Society is able to call upon a force of local agents whose services can be used to advantage, especially in rural sections. Besides these methods, our agents have endeavored to use strict economy in the use of gasoline, in making their inspections and investigations.

Citations of a few offenses with resultant court action are of rare occurrence.

For underfeeding a horse, fine \$100; selling an unfit horse, fine \$25; failure to care for injured horse, fine \$100; non-sheltering cows, fine \$50; non-sheltering cows and horses, three months' sentence. For injuring dog (hit and run), fine \$25; cruelly killing hogs, fine \$100; underfeeding poultry, several fines, \$5 to \$15.

A perusal of the foregoing statistical report shows that prosecutions for cruelty have been made as few as possible, and only resorted to in the more flagrant cases, and when milder procedure was deemed inadequate. This department has held to the conviction that the measure of its work is best determined by its educational, advisory and preventive results, rather than by the actual number of prosecutions and convictions.

## Women's Auxiliaries

As to our Women's Auxiliaries, we must say substantially what we said last year, at which time we expressed our grateful and hearty appreciation of what these splendid groups of women have been doing for our work.

The Springfield Auxiliary, associated with our Springfield Hospital, has continued to raise funds for the Hospital, and much has been accomplished in ac-

quainting the public with our institutions. Its officers are: Mrs. Robert R. Miller, President; Mrs. Richard A. Booth, First Vice-President; Mrs. Harold G. Duckworth, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harold Treworgy, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Stockbower, Treasurer. Mrs. Charlena B. Kibbe is Secretary of Public Relations.

The Winchester Auxiliary has improved the Shelter, which continues as a real service to that community. Its officers are: Miss Gladys Folts, Vice-President; Mrs. Daniel C. Dennett, Treasurer; Arthur H. Bryer, local agent.

In Northampton our friends have carried on this past year under the direction of Professor P. R. Lieder, President; Miss Elizabeth A. Foster, Treasurer.

To Mrs. George D. Colpas, Chairman of the Women's Work Committee of Greater Boston, goes our deep appreciation of the Committee's untiring efforts in providing gauze sponges and sterilizing drapes for the Hospital. Without this service we should have to purchase much expensive but very necessary equipment.

#### Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the year 1943, shows an actual deficit in the expenses of the two Hospitals amounting to \$51,200.00 chiefly because of the large volume of free work done, as well as many uncollectible accounts.

Much of our work must be financed through the generous gifts of our friends, and to these we express our sincere appreciation. Without these faithful supporters our work in bettering animal conditions would have to be severely curtailed. This must never happen and we invoke the consideration of all to our periodical appeals for funds.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, *President*

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CONVALESCING PONY RECEIVES DAILY VISITS FROM ATTRACTIVE NAMESAKE

Pretty little two-year-old "Susie" Greenan, Roxbury, lost no time in beginning her daily calls on this lovely Shetland pony, whose name is also "Susie," when she learned that it was under treatment at the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital. Dr. Fred Keefe, of the veterinary staff, smiles approval as girl and pony get together with a little food.



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## The American Humane Education Society

**S**TATISTICS, at best, are merely a series of more or less dry facts, serving, usually, to set forth in the shortest possible manner, a report of work accomplished over a specified period of time. How much more convincing it would be if it were possible to outline at length the various activities of our field workers, including impressions gained and individual comments of the children and teachers. As it is, because of space restrictions, we can only adhere to our statistics, asking our readers to put their imaginations to work — to picture the many schoolrooms, auditoriums, churches and meetings attended by our workers for the sole purpose of imparting Humane Education to the children of our nation.

With this in mind, we detail below the activities of our field workers over the past year.

**Work in the Far West**

As secretary of the Western Humane Press Bureau, Mrs. Alice I. Park, has continued over the past year in the mailing of press slips to some 500 editors, stressing principally the evils inherent in the handling of guns by children. In addition, Mrs. Park distributed a large quantity of humane literature, attended teachers' conventions and the annual meeting of the State Humane Association of California.

In Washington, Mrs. Florida L. Byrne, of Tacoma, has been most zealous in promoting Humane Education. She gave talks in many of the schools of her city and reports that she has emphasized her teaching by the use of quiz games which both children and teachers have thoroughly enjoyed.

**Work in the East**

William F. H. Wentzel, Field Representative, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, continued, as usual, his lectures and distribution of literature. In all, he traveled 1,595 miles, visiting numerous cities, towns and villages in his section of the country. In giving 45 school talks, Mr. Wentzel formed 140 Bands of Mercy and reached by this method some 34,000 children. In addition, he secured 850 pledges to the Jack London Club and distributed 90,700 pieces of literature. Press publicity was secured concerning work in special institutions; parent-teacher meetings; radio addresses; bird house projects; presentation of awards during Be Kind to Animals Week.

During the year, Miss Lucia F. Gilbert carried on her work in New Hampshire and New York, speaking at school assem-

blies, in the classrooms, and distributing literature and posters wherever possible. During this time she organized 487 Bands of Mercy.

**Work in the South**

In Florida, our representative, Mr. R. E. Griffith, traveled 3,021 miles, visiting 39 schools in all. He gave 35 talks, organized 330 Bands of Mercy, reaching a total of 14,035 persons. In his travels he distributed 1,483 pieces of humane literature. In addition to his work in Humane Education, Mr. Griffith was active in rescuing and caring for a number of animals in distress.

In Georgia, Mrs. Katherine Weathersbee carried on, as usual, her extensive work in bringing Humane Education to the children of her state. Visiting 101 communities, she traveled a total of 14,558 miles and gave 272 talks in 116 schools. In this manner, she reached 29,781 children and formed 615 Bands of Mercy. In addition, she visited six children's camps where she talked to 729 children. In her work with adults, Mrs. Weathersbee attended and gave talks before 64 meetings having a total attendance of 3,018 adults. She also visited four teachers' summer schools by which method she reached 1,141 teachers. Not content with these activities, she attended three 4-H Club livestock meetings, state, district and local P.T.A. meetings, State Federated Women's Club Convention, National P. T. A. Board meeting, in Chicago, and attended a child guidance meeting, in Washington. During the year, she distributed from 10,000 to 15,000 pieces of humane literature and sent out 54 letters in the interest of the work.

In Tennessee, Mrs. J. D. Burton traveled 9,025 miles, visiting 85 schools and giving 104 addresses. In this way she reached 9,480 children and 3,175 adults; secured 2,300 Jack London pledges and distributed 2,665 pieces of literature. In addition, Mrs. Burton attended a great variety of conferences and has taken an active interest in the establishment of the Catoosa State Park in the interest of wildlife conservation. Says Mrs. Burton, "Due to the constant changing of leadership at this time, we have not stressed the Band of Mercy organization, but have worked closely with teachers and other interested persons in keeping before the people the growing need of kindness to all living creatures. Humane Education leaflets have been most helpful in this program."

In Virginia, Mr. John W. Lemon reports that he traveled 9,847 miles and visited 286 communities. In this man-

ner, he was able to establish 305 Bands of Mercy. He visited 169 schools and gave 253 talks before 16,616 children and 7,132 adults. He distributed, during the year, 2,628 pieces of literature.

In Texas, Mr. F. Rivers Barnwell traveled 5,172 miles, visiting many places in Texas and left his state to visit Shreveport, Louisiana, and Waveland, Mississippi. He gave 86 talks in 69 schools and established 113 Bands of Mercy. Children reached through these channels numbered 30,088. In addition, Mr. Barnwell gave 113 other addresses reaching 20,179 adults. Through his efforts, 45 copies of *Our Dumb Animals* were distributed monthly and he was successful in obtaining a large amount of newspaper publicity. One of his special projects last year was a bird Christmas tree held at Guinn School.

**Bands of Mercy in 1943**

Summing up the work of field representatives and others, there have been formed over the course of last year a total of 2,120 new Bands of Mercy, making a total to date of 267,382, organized since the movement started in 1882. In all, over eight million children have been gathered into these Bands of Mercy.

**Jack London Club**

Through the efforts of our field workers, over 27,000 new members were added during 1943, making a total to date of 875,657 members.

**Summary**

It is interesting to note that 181,145 persons were reached by our field representatives, who have, over the year, approximately 1,350 talks and lectures. Large quantities of free literature, including leaflets and pamphlets, cards, blotters, posters, medals, buttons and badges, were distributed.

**Foreign Work**

Work in countries outside of America was, of necessity, cut to a minimum as the postal authorities refuse to accept material addressed to many countries which can only be reached by ships passing through war zones. We did, however, send a large quantity of leaflets, pamphlets, books, buttons, etc., to Bermuda. Part of this expense was paid and the rest donated by our Society. Some literature was sent to England and a limited amount to Canada. As to contributions, fifty dollars was sent to Michael O'Connor, in Ireland.

**Be Kind to Animals Week**

Kindness Week last year was heralded as usual by a proclamation issued by



Massachusetts' Governor Saltonstall, as well as by proclamations of governors of other states, and mayors, state commissioners of education and other officials. Radio stations and newspapers were replete with announcements and stories of the celebration. In all, nine special programs were presented over the air by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. through the courtesy of radio stations WBZ, WCOP, WMEX, WEEI, WORL.

As has been the custom for many years, a poster contest was held, open to school children throughout the State. A splendid response was received as indicated by the over five thousand posters entered from 390 schools in 152 cities and towns. The judges awarded 532 gold pins, 642 silver pins and 1,089 subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals*.

Our other contest for photographs of animals was also a great success, bringing approximately 500 prints as entrants in the competition. The awards amounted to \$95.00 in cash, with ten additional prizes of subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals*.

Our Society distributed during this period 3,000 national posters, 11,300 Humane Exercises, 13,450 blotters and 2,000 reprints from our magazine.

One of the highlights of the Week was the illustrated lecture by Thornton W. Burgess, entitled "Mother Nature's Friendly Folk." This was given on Humane Sunday and attracted a large audience at the Boston Public Library lecture hall.

#### Humane Films

The Society's films, "The Bell of Atri" and "In Behalf of Animals," continued to find popular approval. In addition to showings in Massachusetts, the films were displayed in Michigan, Texas, New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire.

#### Literature Issued

The printing of leaflets and other literature continued throughout last year, when over a hundred thousand separate pieces were distributed throughout the nation.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, *President*



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#### CHILDREN AID IN DRIVE FOR DISCARDED BLANKETS

During a recent cold wave, these two attractive little ladies lost no time in responding to the public appeal of our Society for discarded blankets and old cotton cloth for use in the cages of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, in order that the sick and injured animals might receive maximum comfort and sanitation during period of hospitalization. Shown, left to right are: Dr. R. H. Schneider, member of the veterinary staff, accepting gifts presented by Susan Dolan (center) and her sister, Patsy. "Sniffles," lovely cocker spaniel patient at the Hospital, looks on approvingly.



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## The Squirrel's Message

By LILLIE KRONK LEE

One time I saw a little squirrel  
 A-sitting on a tree;  
 He cocked his head and waved his tail,  
 Then looked right down at me  
 As if to say—"Well, what's the news?  
 And how are you today?  
 I think this is a jolly world  
 In which to work and play."

"Oh yes, I work! I'm gathering nuts  
 To last all winter long;  
 They'll feed me when I'm hungry, and  
 They'll help to make me strong.  
 When springtime comes around again,  
 I'll work and play some more;  
 So life will be just lots of fun,  
 And never be a bore."

## Decreased Friends

### Who Remembered Our Societies in Their Wills

The following left bequests to the Mas-  
 sachusetts Society for the Prevention of  
 Cruelty to Animals or to the American  
 Humane Education Society in 1943:

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### PLEDGE

I will try to be kind to all living crea-  
 tures and try to protect them from cruel  
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The American Humane Education So-  
 ciety will send to every person who forms  
 a Band of Mercy of thirty members, and  
 sends the name chosen for the Band and  
 the name and post-office address of the  
 president who has been duly elected, special  
 Band of Mercy literature and a gilt badge  
 for the president.

### NEW BANDS OF MERCY

One hundred and eleven Bands of  
 Mercy were organized during January.  
 These were distributed as follows:

Florida	40
Virginia	34
Georgia	33
Pennsylvania	3
Maine	1

Total number Bands of Mercy organ-  
 ized by Parent-American Society, 267,493.

### SUMMARY OF FIELD WORK

Number of addresses made, 82  
 Number of persons in audiences, 18,305

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 you can use. Prices are low and will be  
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Four copies	.25
Ten copies	.50
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Seventy-five copies	3.00
100 copies	4.00

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## Retired Workers' Fund

WE are receiving gifts to the American Humane Education Society as a trust fund, the interest to be used for the benefit of field missionaries and others who have spent their lives in promoting humane education. Already several cases have come to our attention and are being relieved in this way. We will welcome your contribution to this fund.

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## HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JANUARY

## At 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston 15

Cases entered in Hospital.....	918
Cases entered in Dispensary ...	1,383
Operations .....	325

## At Springfield Branch, 53 Bliss Street

Cases entered in Hospital .....	252
Cases entered in Dispensary ...	712
Operations .....	119

## At Attleboro Clinic, 3 Commonwealth Ave.

Cases entered .....	80
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## Totals

Hospital cases since opening	
Mar. 1, 1915 .....	229,047
Dispensary cases .....	574,034
Total .....	803,081



JANUARY REPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A., WITH HEADQUARTERS AT BOSTON, METHUEN, SPRINGFIELD, PITTSFIELD, ATTLEBORO, WENHAM, HYANNIS, WORCESTER, FITCHBURG, NORTHAMPTON, HAVERHILL, HOLYOKE, ATHOL, COVERING THE ENTIRE STATE.

Miles traveled by humane officers	13,582
Cases investigated .....	234
Animals examined .....	3,952
Animals placed in homes .....	223
Lost animals restored to owners	69
Number of prosecutions .....	4
Number of convictions .....	3
Horses taken from work .....	4
Horses humanely put to sleep ...	45
Small animals humanely put to sleep .....	1,286
Horse auctions attended .....	13

## Stockyards and Abattoirs

Animals inspected .....	50,721
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep .....	62

## Veterinary Column

## Panleucopenia

PERIODICALLY, we receive a great many questions concerning an illness in kittens and young cats. The owners of these affected animals describe symptoms of complete anorexia, or lack of appetite—also of retching and vomiting. The vomited material is usually bright yellow or greenish-yellow and of a liquid, foamy nature. There is marked depression on the part of the animal and it seeks a dark place in which to lie or hide. As the disease progresses, the animal grows very weak; the hair coat becomes soiled and rough. Many cats die within 24 to 48 hours after the first symptoms are shown. The owner is often suspicious of poisoning, especially as other cats in his neighborhood have been affected in the same manner.

All these symptoms are typical of panleucopenia, which is also variously called cat typhoid, infectious gastro-enteritis and even cat distemper. It is an acute and extremely contagious disease, affecting cats from about three months of age to 2½ or 3 years of age. It frequently occurs following a minor operation, as spaying or castration. The disease is spread from one animal to another by direct or indirect contact.

The outcome of the disease is usually unfavorable. The course if very rapid, frequently not being more than three or four days. Even in the early period of the infection and in mild cases, it should be considered a very serious condition.

As far as treatment is concerned, there is very little the owner can do at home to aid his animal. He can keep the animal warm and in a quiet, clean place. Also, by force-feeding small amounts of warmed milk or warm broth or bouillon, he may prevent excessive dehydration and starvation. Your veterinarian will treat the patient with saline and sugar solutions injected under the skin. This is valuable treatment, but should be done only by the veterinarian or under his specific direction.

There are available certain preventative injections which, when given a healthy, unexposed kitten, are worth while.

It might be well here to differentiate between true cat distemper and panleucopenia. Distemper in cats is mainly a respiratory disease — affected cats breathe with difficulty, cough, sneeze, carry a fever and have a discharge from the eyes and nose. This disease also is contagious, but the mortality is quite low; few animals die from it unless some complication arises. Home care is identical with that for panleucopenia. The eye and nose discharges may be cleaned away with a mild (2%) boric acid solution. Always consult a veterinarian.

N. L. G., Veterinary Dept.  
Angell Animal Hospital

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In making your will, kindly bear in mind that the corporate title of our Society is "The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals"; that it is the second incorporated (March, 1868) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the country, and that it has no connection with any other similar Society.

Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, should, nevertheless, be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

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I give to The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (or to the American Humane Education Society), the sum of ..... dollars, (or, if other property, describe the property).

The Society's address is 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston 15, Mass. Information and advice will be given gladly.



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

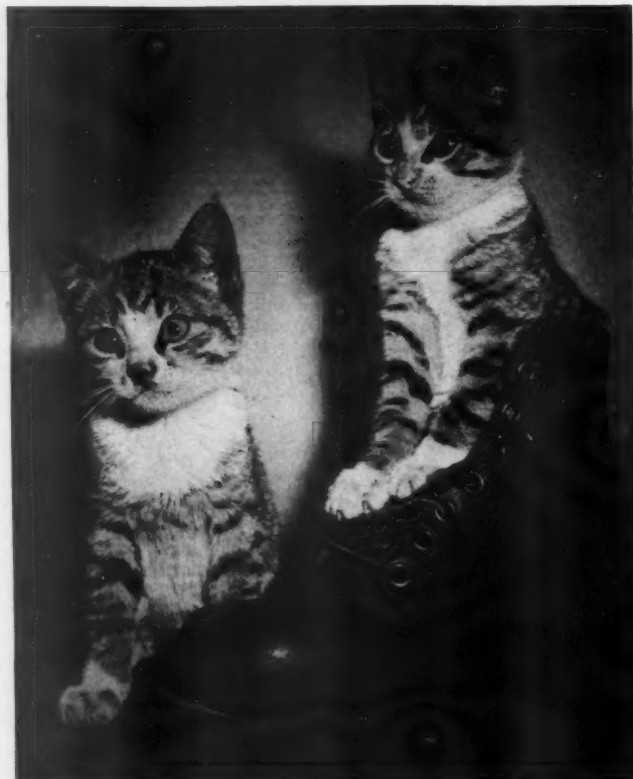
## Animal Fact or Animal Fiction

Eight correct answers is passing. If you can answer twelve correctly you are exceptionally good.

1. Snakes are the only animals able to swallow things larger than themselves. True False
2. When a cow "loses her cud" the wise owner stuffs rags into her mouth, enabling her to replace it. True False
3. "As dirty as a pig" is a base slander of an animal that much prefers to keep clean. True False
4. The frog has two means of defense. It is so extremely slippery that it can get away from almost any catcher. Its long legs enable it to take great jumps. True False
5. The heavy tread of the elephant in the forest drowns out the approach of other animals. True False
6. In winter a family of Bob Whites all sleep in a circle with their heads pointed lovingly together. True False
7. The black bear is usually quite as glad to get away from man as man is to get away from it. True False
8. The chipmunk's home is readily located by the pile of dirt at the entrance. True False
9. A toad never takes a drink. True False
10. Birds migrate South in winter to escape the cold. True False
11. The Hudson seal, a highly prized fur, is from a species of seal found only around Hudson Bay. True False
12. The toes of the coot have scalloped flaps. True False
13. The house cat, as well as cats of the wild, has a natural liking for catnip. True False
14. The turtle carefully lies in watch for animals which might harm her eggs carefully buried in the sand. True False
15. A class of birds in flocks so numerous that they broke down trees by their weight have become extinct within the memory of many now living. True False

—Bessie L. Putnam

How did you make out this time? Did you get twelve right? If not, it might be wise for you to study up before taking your next test. Perhaps you aren't sure about your answers. If not, look at this page in our April issue.



## How Well Do You Know Your Cat?

### Answers

1. Eighteen.
2. The Manx cat. This cat originated on the Isle of Man situated in the Irish Sea, midway between England and Ireland. This cat is also called "rabbit cat" because it jumps about like a rabbit, having short forelegs and long hind ones.
3. Yes. The Mexican hairless cat.
4. Yes. They serve as feelers and are for protection. Extremely sensitive to touch and warn the cat when he is near objects in the dark.
5. After dark the pupils of the cat's eyes are wide open. A metallic luster at the back of his eyes reflects the almost invisible light.
6. The rough tongue enables a cat to keep clean and also helps to get every shred of meat off from a bone.
7. Down, as revealed by slow motion pictures made of a cat lapping milk.
8. It enables him to pad along noiselessly and also protects the claws from being broken or worn off.
9. Seeing, hearing, and touch are the most highly developed. Smelling and tasting the least.
10. Egypt.

## Ready Reference

Nothing is so disconcerting as a futile search for a particularly desired copy of *Our Dumb Animals*.

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